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Non-fee Amendment	Response to Office Action
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE  
RESPONSE/AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 09/862,869  
 Applicant(s) : Honma *et al*  
 Filed : May 22, 2001  
 Title : A Method for Caring for a Fabric Article and For Providing a System Therefor  
 TC/A.U. : 1751  
 Examiner : Margaret V. Einsmann  
 Conf. No. : 1083  
 Docket No. : AA472  
 Customer No. : 27752

1.  No additional fees (claims fees or extension fees) are known to be required.
2.  The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA*	RATE      FEE
TOTAL	*	MINUS	**	=	x \$18 = \$
INDEP.	*	MINUS	***	=	x \$86 = \$
<b>FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM</b>				+ \$290 = \$	<b>TOTAL</b> \$

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

3.  The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2003 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$950.00 for a 3-month extension of time.
4. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
  - a.  Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16.
  - b.  Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
5. The Director is hereby authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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